

**I CLAIM:**

1. In combination, a sports boat having first and second spaced apart gunwales, a bow portion and a stern portion a wake tower, said wake tower comprising:

- (a) an upwardly extending first base connector connected to the first gunwale of the sports boat;
- (b) an upwardly extending second base connector connected to said second gunwale of the sports boat;
- (c) a generally U-shaped, upwardly extending structural assembly comprising a first curved side connected to said first base connector, a second curved side connected to said second base connector and a bight portion connected to and spanning said first and second curved sides, each of said curved sides comprising:
  - (i) a side connector pivotally connected to said base connector; and
  - (ii) a pair of inwardly curved tubular members interconnected with said side connector.

2. The combination as defined in claim 1 in which said side connector includes a cavity for closely receiving said base connector.

3. The combination as defined in claim 1 in which each of said base connectors and said side connectors includes first and second spaced apart bores.

4. The combination as defined in claim 3 further including a pivot pin received within said first spaced apart bores and a locking bolt received within said second spaced apart bores.

5. The combination as defined in claim 4 in which said generally U-shaped upwardly extending assembly is pivotally movable in a direction toward the stern portion of the sports boat.

6. The combination as defined in claim 4 in which each of said curved sides further includes a generally tubular shaped cross member interconnected with said curved tubular members.

7. In combination, a sports boat having first and second spaced apart gunwales, a bow portion and a stern portion a wake tower, said wake tower comprising:

- (a) an upwardly extending first base connector connected to the first gunwale of the sports boat;
- (b) an upwardly extending second base connector connected to said second gunwale of the sports boat;
- (c) a generally U-shaped, upwardly extending structural assembly pivotally connected to said the first and second base connectors for

movement between an erected position and a stowed position, said generally U-shaped upwardly extending structural assembly having a bight portion, a first curved side connected to said bight portion and to said first base connector and a second curved side connected to said bight portion and to second base connector, each of said sides comprising:

(i) a side connector having a first bore there through and a cavity formed therein for closely receiving said base connector; and

(ii) a pair of spaced apart inwardly and upwardly curved tubular members, said tubular members having upper portions and a lower portions, said lower portions being connected to said side connector and said upper portions being connected to said bight portion.

8. The combination as defined in claim 7 in which each of said base connectors and said side connectors includes first and second spaced apart bores.

9. The combination as defined in claim 8 further including a pivot pin received within said first spaced apart bores and a locking bolt received within said second spaced apart bores.

10. The combination as defined in claim 9 in which said generally U-

shaped upwardly extending assembly is pivotally movable downwardly in a direction toward the stern portion of the sports boat.

11. The combination as defined in claim 10 in which said bight portion of said generally U-shaped, upwardly extending assembly is generally oval shaped in cross-section.

12. The combination as defined in claim 10 in which said upwardly curved tubular members cooperate with said side connector to define a generally triangularly shaped opening.

13. In combination, a sports boat having first and second spaced apart gunwales, a bow portion and a stern portion a wake tower, said wake tower comprising:

- (a) an upwardly extending first base connector connected to the first gunwale of the sports boat, said first base connector having first and second spaced apart bores.
- (b) an upwardly extending second base connector connected to said second gunwale of the sports boat, said second base connector having first and second spaced apart bores;
- (c) a generally U-shaped, upwardly extending structural assembly pivotally connected to said the first and second base connectors for movement downwardly and rearwardly from an erected position to a

stowed position, said generally U-shaped upwardly extending structural assembly having a generally oval shaped bight portion, a first curved side connected to said bight portion and to said first base connector and a second curved side connected to said bight portion and to second base connector, each of said sides comprising:

- (i) a side connector having a first bore there through and a cavity formed therein for closely receiving said base connector; and
- (ii) a pair of spaced apart inwardly curved tubular members, said tubular members having upper portions and a lower portions, said lower portions being connected to said side connector and said upper portions being connected to said bight portion.

14. The combination as defined in claim 13 further including a pivot pin received within said first spaced apart bores and a locking bolt received within said second spaced apart bores.

15. The combination as defined in claim 14 in which said inwardly curved tubular member cooperates with said side connector to define a generally triangularly shaped opening.